

[54] **TRAINING DEVICE FOR PRACTICING THE SERVICE IN TENNIS**

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[57] ABSTRACT

A device is disclosed for practicing the serve in tennis which provides a second or practice net. The practice net is erected above and in the same general vertical plane as the conventional net used for playing tennis where it will intercept balls hit over the conventional net. In addition, a recovery net is provided adjacent the bottom edge of the conventional net and is shaped to bias the intercepted balls toward the center of the conventional net and to return them toward the player. The conventional and practice nets may be separate or joined. Various powered or manual means are disclosed for erecting and tensioning the practice net.

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